

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF MANUALS AND CHECKLISTS OF AQUATIC VASCULAR PLANTS FOR REGIONS AND STATES IN THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES¹

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In the conterminous United States considerable interest has been shown in the identification and cataloguing of aquatic vascular plants, especially since 1940. This interest has undoubtedly been fostered because of the development of various areas of the aquatic sciences, such as aquatic botany, wildlife and fisheries management, wildlife conservation, and environmental protection agencies. The need for basic information on identification manuals and checklists of aquatic vascular plants for all areas of the United States has therefore become increasingly more frequent.

This paper provides a ready reference list of all those known manuals and checklists of aquatic vascular plants covering the following geographical categories: (1) the conterminous United States, (2) five different regions of the United States, and (3) 16 individual states. A citation of a bibliography on aquatic vascular plants is included for Ohio. The five regions that have aquatic vascular plant manuals essentially cover the entire United States, but not all of these publications are of equal scope with similar objectives, and some are older than others and in need of revision. Certainly more work at the state level is necessary, even in some of those states that already have manuals and checklists. The bibliography presented here gives some idea of the extent and state of knowledge in this science and hopefully will provide a guide for future basic and applied research on aquatic vascular plants. Grateful appreciation will be given for calling overlooked references to my attention.

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